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SUBJECT: IRAQI RESPONSE TO LEBANESE SITUATION

REF: (A) BAGHDAD 629, (B) BAGHDAD 576, (C) BAGHDAD 623

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